

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Delicate Task

MR Chou En-lai's Peking statement on the Formosa Straits problem is disappointing insofar that it adds practically nothing to his Bandung declaration in which conciliatory overtures to the United States were generously mixed with expressions of determination to "liberate" Taiwan. The mere reiteration of these sentiments does little, if anything, to bring the conflict nearer the negotiating table.

Rather more encouraging is the report that the British Charge d'Affaires in Peking is now engaged in secret talks with the Chinese Premier designed to discover acceptable means of bringing about a meeting between the United States and Communist China. It is a delicate position because it is also necessary to ensure that any Peking-Washington talks lead to a wider conference involving the presence of the Chinese Nationalists.

TOWARDS this crucial subject, Mr Chou's present attitude is thoroughly disconcerting. He declares categorically that the Chinese Communists are not prepared to take part in an international conference on a ceasefire or discuss the future of Formosa. If Chinese Nationalists are included, the United States is equally insistent that she will discuss nothing affecting the interests of the Chinese Nationalists without the presence of their representatives.

On the basis of these diametrically opposed viewpoints, it would appear the situation is already hopelessly stalemated. Nevertheless there exists room for effective diplomatic manoeuvring if the Peking leaders are willing to display a measure of goodwill.

The British desire is to solve the complicated problem of the Formosa Straits and the future status of Formosa piecemeal. The immediate threat to peace in the Far East, and even to the world, rests in the dispute for the offshore islands of Matsu and Quemoy. If that can be settled amicably and satisfactorily, tension will be immediately relieved and a more favourable atmosphere created for dealing with the subject of Formosa.

GEOGRAPHICALLY the Matsu and Quemoy group of islands can fairly be regarded as part of China and as such, the de facto government of the mainland is morally entitled to control and administer them. Strategically they are not considered important or as part of the United States defensive perimeter in the West Pacific. Wherefore, no justification exists for defending them against the Chinese Communists if, in so doing, this led, as it very well could, to wider hostilities of an international character.

The surrender of the islands through negotiations would not constitute appeasement, for there would have to be an undertaking from Peking to forgo her "liberation of Formosa" quest by arms, and a willingness to submit the whole question to international negotiations. The piecemeal procedure for resolving the Formosa problem would appear to hold out the best chances for success, and if Mr Trelawny can convince Mr Chou to adopt such a method of settling the dispute he will have performed a notable service in the cause of international peace.

BIG 4 TALKS SUBJECTS FORECAST

Germany, Disarmament And A-Weapons Says Mr Dulles UNIQUE TV BROADCAST TO THE NATION

Washington, May 17.

The Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, said today that he expected the Big Four conference to discuss the reunification of Germany, disarmament, atomic weapons, the satellite countries and international Communism "which is such a pest around the world".

He said he thought there was a possibility of some good coming from the conference, but he warned against any people getting their hopes too high as to results.

He spoke to the American people by television, radio and press media from the office of President Eisenhower, who sat beside him and interjected approving remarks from time to time during the speech.

Mr Dulles said he could only guess why the Soviet Union was at last willing to enter into four-power talks to reduce world tension but he thought that perhaps it was because it realized that it should conform more to the moral principles of the civilised world.

He stressed also that it probably was a fruit of the Western nations' policy of being strong to defend their freedom and principles.

President Eisenhower agreed with that.

Mr Dulles was reporting to the President and the US public on his recent visit to Europe, during which Germany was brought into the Western European Union and into NATO and the Austrian State treaty was signed.

It was an unprecedented event, because never before has a Cabinet officer spoken to the nation by way of television from the President's office. Members of the Cabinet sat around the same table, with Mr Dulles and the President in the central positions, in an informal atmosphere.

Mr Dulles said that events in Europe in the last week or so appeared to be a turning point in the civilization of that area.

He said the four Foreign Ministers discussed for hours in Vienna the proposed meeting at the summit of the four Powers. He said that as far as he could judge the Soviets accepted the idea of that meeting. "At least they said they did," he added.

TURNING OF THE TIDE

Mr Dulles said the fulfilment of the Paris pact in Europe last week "may mark a turning of the tide in history." He said that when Germany was admitted to the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, its representative sat down by the side of the French representative since they were alphabetically next to each other.

"When this happened," he said, "we felt that a new page had opened in European history. The vision that so many had had for so many years seemed to be coming true."

He commented that "Western civilisation had almost committed

suicide" in this area during the last 100 years.

"But now we thought we had put together agreements in such a way that civilisation will have a new lease on life, that Europe will be saved for itself and all humanity."

Mr Dulles said that during his visit to Europe he also talked about Asia, and he told the European statesmen that if they liked United States policy in their part of the world they should also like this policy in Asia.

"We are doing the same thing in Asia as in Europe," he said to them. "We are helping to defend freedom wherever there

are free men who want to defend it."

Mr Eisenhower smiled broadly during Mr Dulles' discussion of this point and interposed that what Mr Dulles told the European statesmen was good.

Turning to the Indo-China situation, Mr Dulles said that the Diem government of South Vietnam was a free government that took dictation from no one. "It is not a puppet government," he said. "If it were that kind, we would not support it because it would not last."

He said he talked over the situation "hour after hour" with French leaders on several days last week.

Mr Dulles recounted the long negotiations, which involved meetings of diplomatic representatives over an eight-year period for an Austrian treaty. He pointed out that many a time a treaty "seemed to be just around the corner."

"It turned out to be a series of corners," said Mr Dulles with a smile.

He praised the Austrian people for keeping their "nerve" during the long wait. The break finally came with the Soviet announcement a few weeks ago that it was willing to pull its troops out of Austria, Mr Dulles recalled.

For one thing, he said, this marked the first time that the Red Army had turned its face to the East since 1945. "That is bound to have a tremendous impact in other countries where the Red Army is in occupation," he said. "Furthermore, the joy so manifest in the Austrian people is going to be contagious. And

"The thing that struck me as I passed through the streets was the joy of the older people who knew the liberties of the past 17 years past—and at last saw them returned," he said. "I saw the older people jumping up and down with joy and it made your heart warm at the thought that you were able to make some contribution to this spirit of joy."

The Secretary then turned to speculation on what the dramatic reversal of the Soviet policy in Austria might mean. He said that although what reasons motivated the Soviet change were not known, certain facts were clear.

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He said the treaty signing ceremony last Sunday was an event that "those who saw it will never forget."

Train Crash Drama

Johannesburg, May 17. Ambulances, with sirens screaming, sped to the scene of an expected train crash some 50 miles from here today and arrived minutes before the accident occurred.

Station masters at Deventer, Toevleng and Toevleng stations, north of Johannesburg, realised that two freight trains were speeding towards each other on the same track. They were powerless to stop the two trains.

So they called the ambulances to be on hand when the collision occurred.

One engineer was sent to hospital with head injuries. All other trainmen managed to jump clear before the crash. Several freight cars and the engines telescoped, blocking the line.—United Press.

Duce's Body To Be Buried In Cemetery

From Conrad Allen

Rome, May 17. Mussolini's body will soon be handed over to his family for burial in the cemetery of his native village of Predappio, Central Italy.

Until recently the body had been hidden in a place in North Italy known only to the Prime Minister and to five high police officials. There a few weeks ago it was secretly moved to the Caspuchin monastery of Montepulciano, eight miles from Predappio.

No official announcement has been made but I had the report confirmed by a member of the Mussolini family.

The fact that the body has been brought so near to his native village is interpreted as a sign that final interment is imminent.

So far the government

has kept the former Duce's body hidden in order to avoid political demonstrations by Facists.—London Express Service.

Widow's Disclosure At Inquest

Newcastle, May 17.

A 28-year-old widow told an inquest here that she left her 85-year-old husband lying dead in their gas-filled kitchen for 20 minutes while she gave their son ten his breakfast and sent him to school.

Only then did she inform the police.

The widow, Mrs Mary Senior, explained in reply to questions: "My husband was cold. I knew he was dead. I wanted the boy to school because I knew how upset he would be."

Albert Senior, the husband, was last seen alive the previous night when he went to bed about 11 o'clock. The wife found him next morning on the kitchen floor lying by the gas oven.

She said he had been depressed because he had not a job and the local assistance people had suggested that she put their 17-month-old baby in a nursery and took a job herself.

His suicide note to her declared, "This is all my doing," may have referred to her being charged recently in court.

They were married in 1945. The coroner decided that Senior committed suicide while the balance of his mind was disturbed.—China Mail Special.

ALIMONY NOT ENFORCEABLE

New York, May 17.

An agreement by actress Bette Davis to pay \$250 (about \$90) a month alimony to her former husband, the ex-boxer William G. Sherry, was held to be unenforceable by the superior court in Portland, Maine, today.

Mr Sherry may appeal to the State Supreme Court.

Miss Davis paid alimony for three years after the agreement was signed in 1950. When she stopped paying, Mr Sherry sued.

The actress is now married to actor Gary Merrill.—Reuter.

DISARMAMENT

Another editor said the world

was geared to an armaments economy. In the event of disarmament, Britain's lifeline might well lie with her trade connections with the Commonwealth and Colonial empire. Was the Conservative Party fully conscious of this? he asked.

"Emphatically yes," the Prime Minister said.

He added that he was not

scared of the outcome of

disarmament. Other schemes

were being carried through

which would counteract its

effects, such as the Colombo

Plan for Southeast Asian de-

velopment. Britain's part must

be the support of such schemes,

especially in relation to the

Commonwealth and colonies.

Reuter.

PRES. PERON ILL

Buenos Aires, May 17.

President Juan Peron of the Argentine was today reported to be suffering from influenza. He is 59.—Reuter.

GOVT RESIGNS

The Hague, May 17.

The Dutch coalition government of Dr. Willem Drees to-night offered its resignation to Queen Juliana following its defeat in the Lower House on the domestic issue of higher rents. The Queen said she would consider the request, it was announced.—Reuter.

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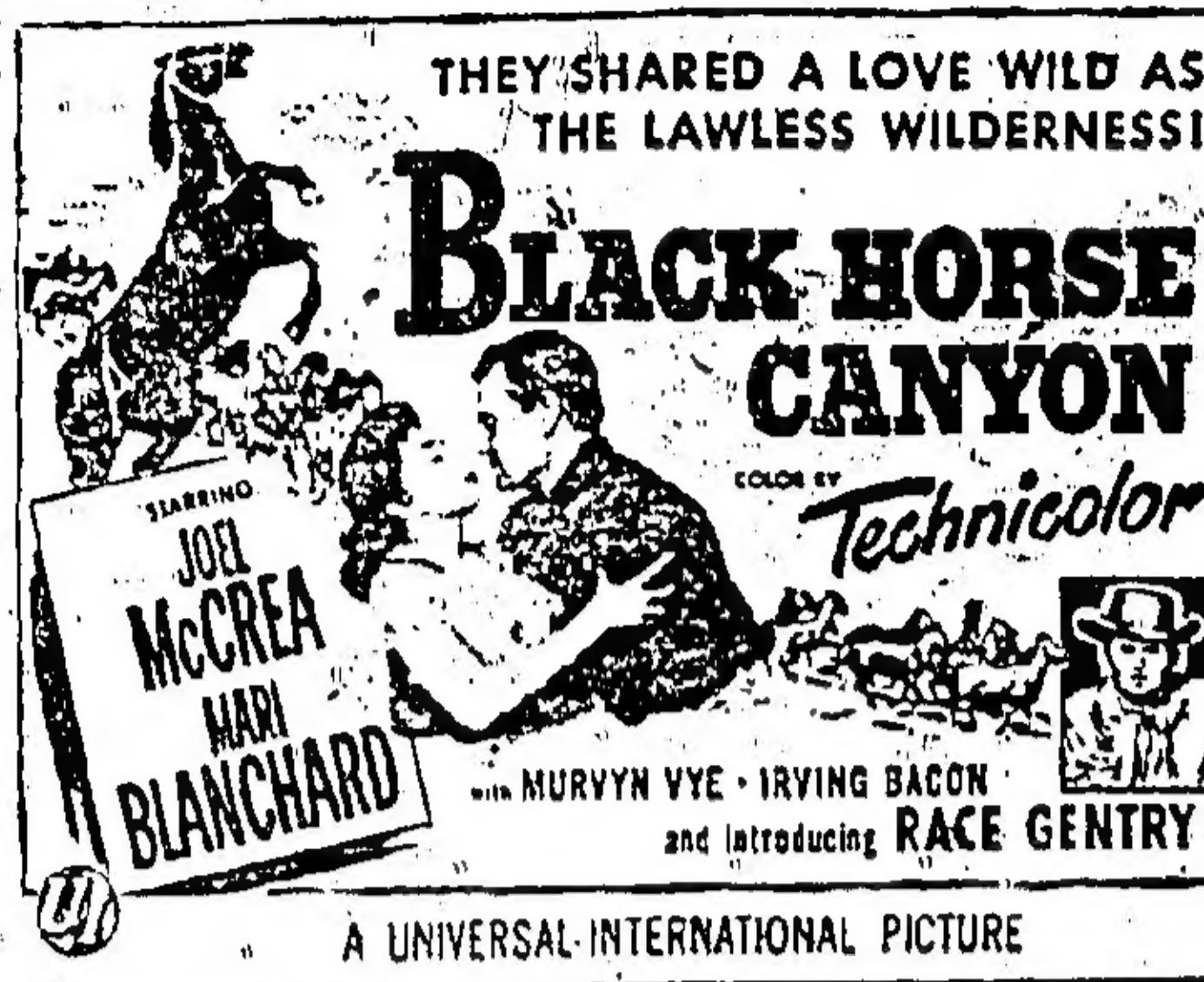
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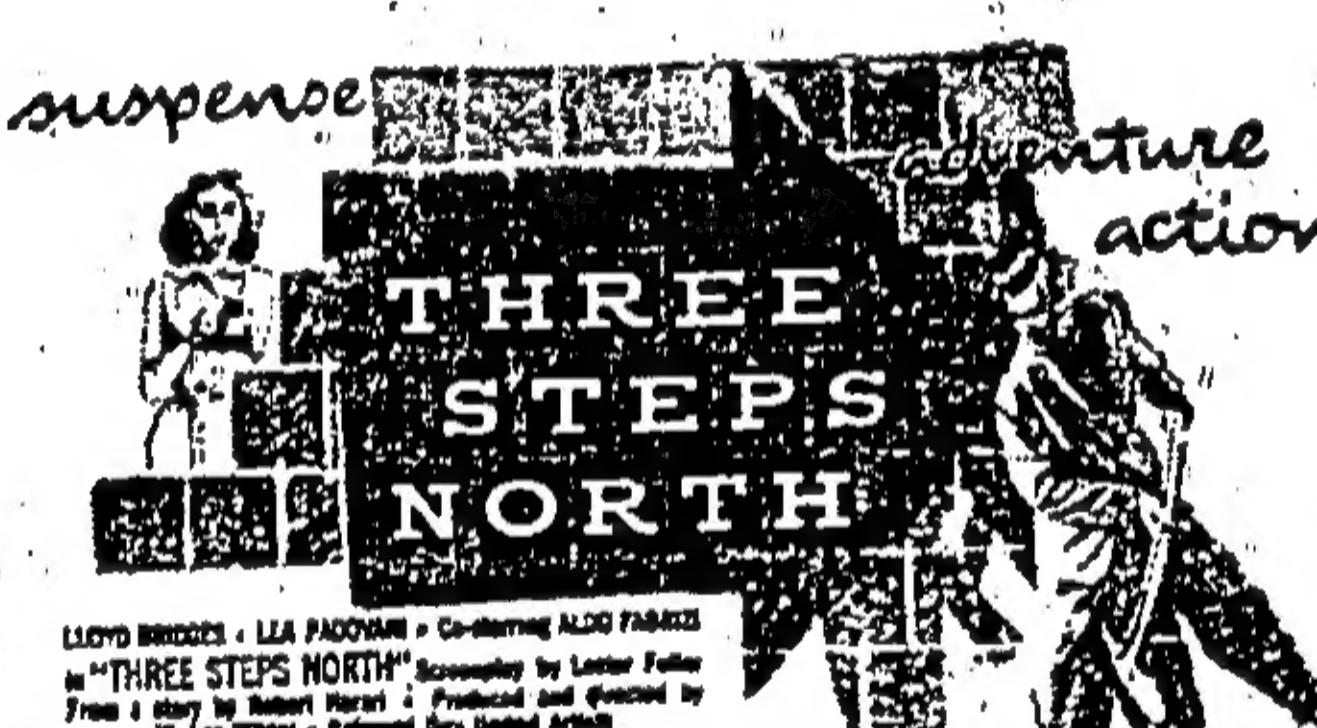
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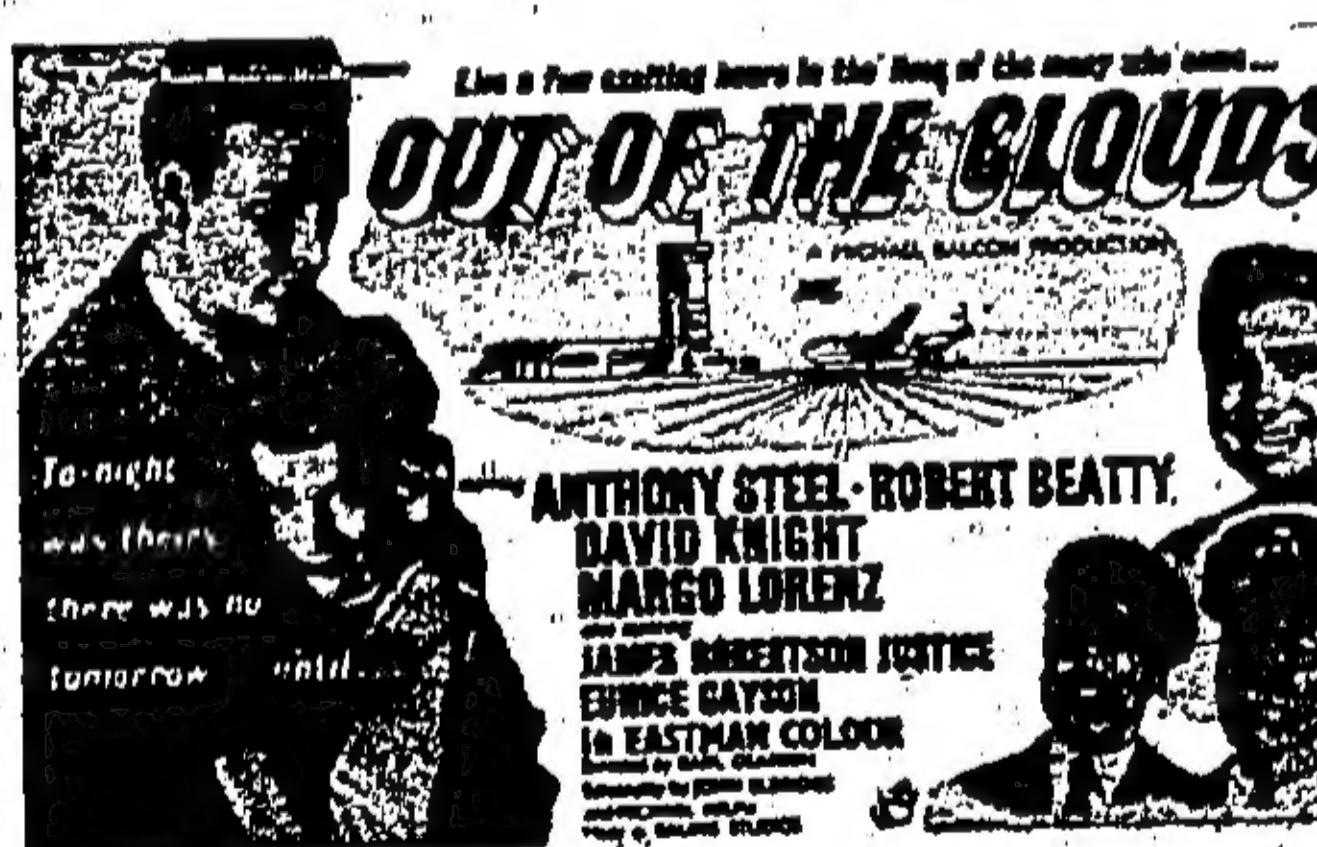
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Senator Demands Enquiry Into U.S. Air Power

Air India Plane Salvage



HMS Baffin, the British salvage vessel has been carrying out the salvage of the "Kashmir Princess", the Air India Constellation aircraft which crashed in Indonesian waters last month. Efforts are to be made to discover the cause of the crash following allegations by the Communist Chinese Government that the British Authorities in Hongkong were partly responsible. Chinese officials and journalists were among the 18 aboard the machine, of which there were only three survivors. They were on way to the Afro-Asian conference at Bandung. The machine crashed in six fathoms of water close offshore on the west Coast of Great Nicobar Island. Picture shows: The scene as the wrecked airliner is hauled out of the water during the salvage operations.—Express Photo.

SALK VACCINE PROGRAMME

Gross Incompetence Alleged

Washington, May 17. Senator Wayne L. Morse said today that the Health Secretary, Mrs Oveta Culp Hobby "ought to be removed from her office for gross incompetence" in the handling of Salk Polio vaccine.

He made the statement in a Senate floor debate with Senator George H. Bender over whether the Administration's officials have bungled the vaccination programme.

Mr Bender said Mrs Hobby and Surgeon-General Leonard S. A. Scheele "are protecting the people of the United States, particularly the children, in handling this matter in the most professional way."

But Mr Morse asserted that Mrs Hobby and Dr Scheele made a "horrible mistake" in handling the vaccine. He said Mrs Hobby particularly "has been guilty of bad administration that comes close to immorality."

He said both officials "have much to answer for."

"We test and inspect meat more carefully in packing plants... than we test this vaccine," Mr Morse asserted in a Senate speech.

The Public Health Service disclosed meanwhile that it will take until mid-July or August to complete the current free inoculation programme for 9,000,000 first and second grade school children.

Only then will the Government's new voluntary distribution plan go into effect. And only then will more than 7,000,000 other children in the priority "five-through-nine" age group begin getting their shots.

This represents a sharp setback in the vaccination timetable. But Health Service officials still expressed confidence that most five- through nine youngsters will receive their two shots before the polio season hits its peak in various areas in August and September.

Mr Morse said that both Mrs Hobby and Dr Scheele have proved their "incompetence" and are now trying to "alibi" for their handling of the vaccine programme.

Both knew months ahead of time that the vaccine would

Washington, May 17. Senator Stuart Symington today demanded a Senate investigation to determine whether Russia is outstripping the United States in air power.

He told the Senate he was "shocked and astounded" by the Defence Department disclosure last week that formations of Red intercontinental jet bombers had been observed over Moscow.

Mr Symington, former Air Secretary, said "It is now clear that the United States, along with the rest of the free world, may have lost control of the air."

QUALITY AS WELL

"In quality as well as quantity of planes the Communists are at least in the process of surpassing the United States," he asserted.

Mr Symington also said that he is confident that Russia is "well ahead with the production of the possible ultimate weapon—the intercontinental ballistic missile."

Mr Symington asked if Russia may be taking the lead in air power "because some of us believe that money is more important than freedom"—a thrust at President Eisenhower's military budget crisis.

Mr Symington introduced a resolution calling for a Senate investigation of the Defence Department's announcement as well as an inquiry into "the relative strength of the Communist forces as against the forces of the free world in all military categories."

Mr Symington in his speech charged that the Defence Secretary, Mr Charles E. Wilson, throughout his term in office "has under-estimated the strength of the Communists and their ability to produce modern weapons."

Only last year, Mr Symington said, Mr Wilson "emphasised to the American people that the Soviets were building primarily a defensive air force."

Both Mr George and Mr Dulles refused to discuss any details of Mr Dulles' testimony pending the Secretary of State's nationally televised report to the public at 11 p.m. GMT.

Mr George said he was "very much gratified at what I regard as significant accomplishments" during Mr Dulles' eventful trip in Europe last week. He especially mentioned the signing of the Austrian peace treaty and admission of West Germany into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Earlier, Mr George voiced optimism about Russia's attitude toward the coming Big Four conference. He said that the Soviets "seem to be willing to concentrate on the big problems ahead" of "softening tensions as much as possible."

He also said the Soviets "seem to have raised any collateral issues" which might become stumbling blocks at the meeting.—United Press.

Vienna, May 17. An Italian Jesuit priest, held for 10 years in Russian slave camps, said today that the Soviets have transformed the Russian church into a semi-government body, forced to swear loyalty to the Communist regime.

The priest, 41-year-old Pietro Leoni, said that priests of the Greek Orthodox Church were forced to sign a loyalty pledge to the Soviet Government, and many of them were convinced Communists.—United Press.

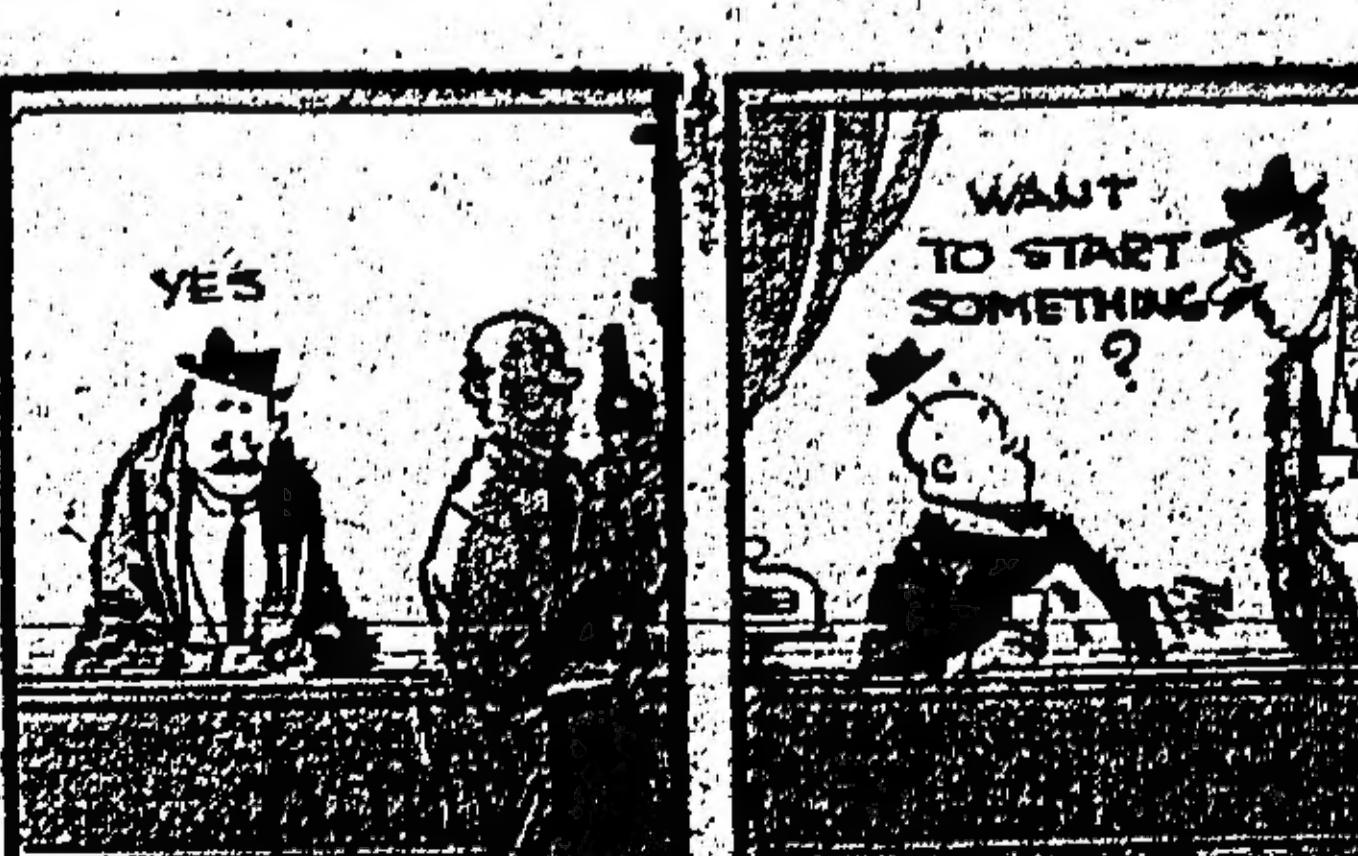
JAP JUMPERS LEAVE FOR AMERICA

Toads and win a prize of \$1,000.

The jumping contest, an annual event commemorating Mark Twain's story "Jumping Frog of Calaveras County", is being held from May 26 to 22.

Despite their stings as the chosen representatives of their country, the frogs were travelling under the classification of "cargo". As "cargo" they would have no meals served aboard the plane.

Five frogs were originally chosen for the contest but their trainer, Ryozo Isobe, a noted bird fancier, included a sixth at the last moment "because he was shaping so well."—China Mail Special.



QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

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BOYCOTT FRENCH GOODS

Karachi, May 17. THE only way for Moroccans to get back their freedom was to boycott French goods and fight French colonialists, Si Allal El Fassi, head of the Istiqlal Moroccan Nationalist Party, told a Press conference here today.

El Fassi, who was on his way back home from the Asian-African conference in Bandung last month, said that the two principal problems were the return of the exiled Sultan, Sidi Mohammed Ben Yusef and the restoration of full Moroccan sovereignty.

INK ON PAPER
He praised the efforts of the Bandung conference to find a solution to the colonial problem, but added that these would remain only "ink on paper" if not supported by effective action.

He said he hoped that, if the same spirit animated the "Asians and the Africans at the forthcoming session of the United Nations, "a lot of good" would be done with regard to North African problems.

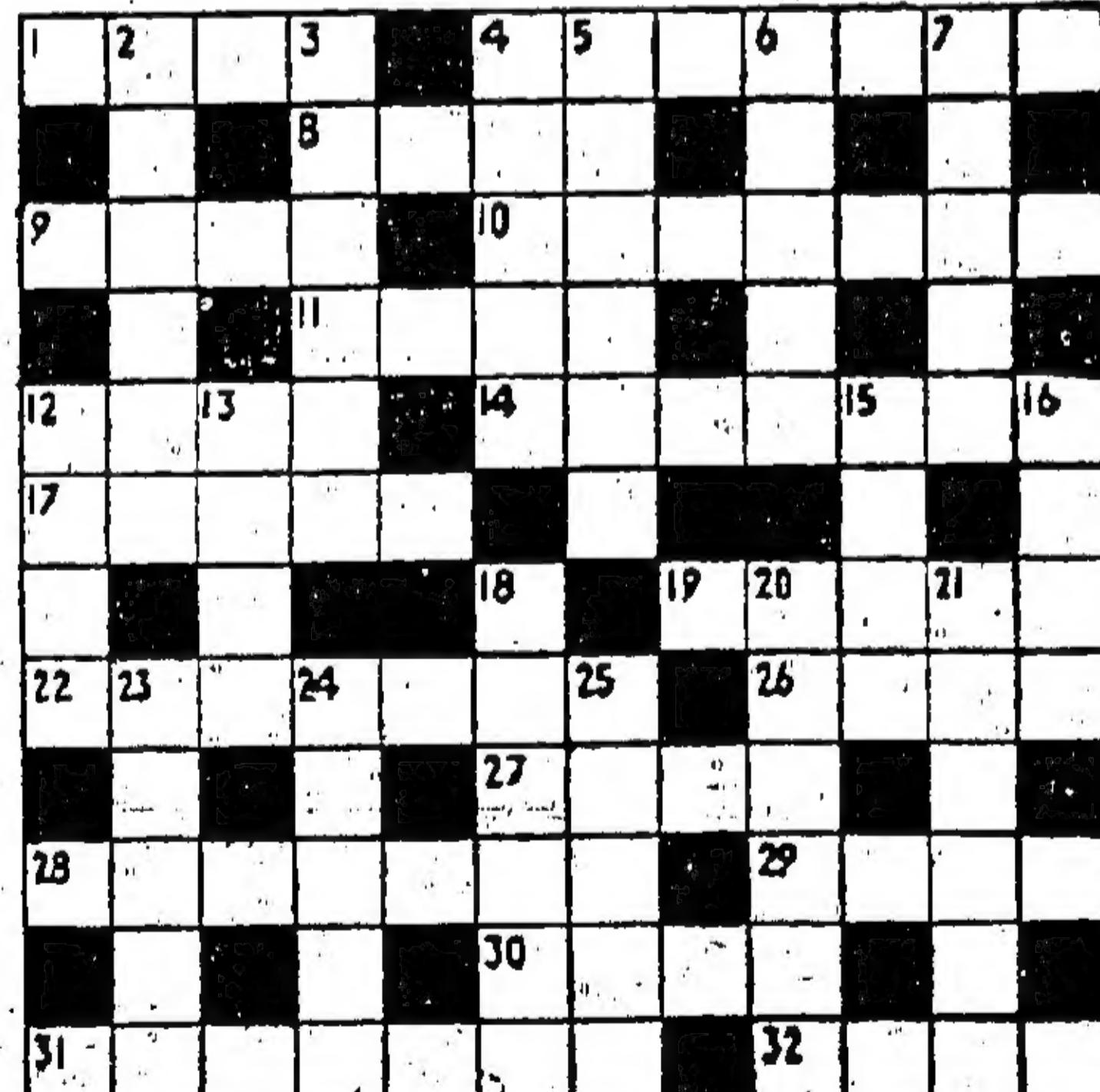
El Fassi, who is staying in Karachi till May 21, hopes to be received by Mr. Mohammed Ali, the Pakistani Premier, and to ask him to continue to give support to the Moroccan cause.—France-Press.

Seoul, May 17. A South Korean Army spokesman said here today, 38-year-old Army Chief of Staff General Chung Il Kwon would visit the United States in mid-June.

The spokesman said Chung would remain in the United States for about a month.

General Chung was invited by the American Department of the Army to visit military installations.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Tidings (4).
- Colour (7).
- Abound (4).
- German man's name (4).
- Underground cell (7).
- Dans (4).
- Micros (4).
- Tooth expert (7).
- Divert (5).
- Scent (5).
- Behaved towards (7).
- Besides (4).
- Buffoon (4).
- Set in the ground (7).
- Accustomed (4).
- Grew older (4).
- Cleric (7).
- Compass point (4).

DOWN

- Value highly (6).
- Tempests (6).
- Granted (5).
- Lucky charm (6).
- Power (5).
- Recesses (5).
- Manner of walking (4).
- Strategem (4).
- Object of worship (4).
- Wear (4).
- Beds (6).
- Divorce (6).
- Shows in (6).
- Governor (5).
- Cancil (5).
- Trick (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Former, 5. Debar, 8. Mated, 9. Assail, 10. Show, 11. Taft, 12. Tool, 13. Roast, 16. Deters, 18. Eludes, 20. Easel, 22. Herb, 23. Glare, 25. Sepia, 26. Edible, 27. Oracle, 28. Stand, 29. Snares. Down: 1. Fracture, 2. Resonate, 3. Emit, 4. Related, 5. Desires, 6. Editor, 7. Ayers, 14. Assemble, 15. Tumblers, 16. Dallard, 17. Ferrets, 19. Legion, 21. Alert, 24. Eden.

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Menderers With Tito



M. Adnan Menderer, the Prime Minister of Turkey, is entertained by Mihail Tito and Marshal Tito, the Dictator of Yugoslavia, at a reception held in his honour during his visit to Belgrade.—Express Photo.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION

Stevenson Denies Ultimatum

Boston, May 17. Mr. Adlai E. Stevenson denied today that he had received an ultimatum to make up his mind whether to seek the Democratic presidential nomination next summer or yield to Governor Averell Harriman of New York.

Mr. Stevenson met newsmen at Logan airport, where he stopped on a flight from Africa to New York. He combined legal business in Johannesburg with a sightseeing tour of the "dark continent."

Asked to confirm reports that he had conferred with Mr. Harriman, and received the ultimatum, Mr. Stevenson said:

NOT TRUE

"Neither is true. Neither the conference nor that statement."

On other points, the 1952 Democratic presidential candidate told newsmen:

1. Russia offered Austria independence "as bait to Ger-

many" (see story).

2. "I am very optimistic

about the future of Africa's

Gold Coast region" (his four-

week tour ended in that area).

He said his optimism was based

on "sound and sober British

direction" and "every assiduous

native government."

Mr. Stevenson left New York

on April 18 and visited Italy

and the African States of

Kenya, Uganda, Belgian Congo,

Northern Rhodesia, Southern

Rhodesia, the Union of South

Africa, and French West Africa.

He said Communism is not a

major problem south of the

Sahara.—United Press.

DIAMOND DEMAND EXCEEDS SUPPLY

London, May 17. All signs point to this year being a record prosperous year for diamond producers with demand outstripping supply. Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, Chairman of the De Beers Consolidated Mines, announced today, in his Chairman's statement, published with the De Beers full accounts, Sir Ernest said that all producers were working to capacity and that the Consolidated Company of South-West Africa was raising its monthly output from 57,000 carats to 70,000 carats by the end of the year, while record developments by the Williamson Diamonds Company of Tanganyika will produce a larger output.

This increase will bring out-

put of gem diamonds somewhere

near the demand. Sir Ernest

said, "but markets will

have to be found for industrial

diamonds. Current production

of industrial diamonds is being

disposed of by the very strong

demand from the United States

for stockpiling. But he pointed

out that this stockpiling

would not go on indefinitely.—

United Press.

Early 30's Are Dangerous For Marriages

London, May 17. The early 30's are the danger years for divorce, especially if a marriage is between 10 and 15 years old.

Britain's Registrar-General, Dr. George North, has given this warning in the 1953 civil

statistical review for England and Wales.

That year, 30,326 decrees were

made absolute. The favourite

complaint was desertion.

The review said that in over

6,400 divorce cases in 1953 the

marriage had lasted 20 years

and more.

New divorce petitions fell to

30,542, a drop of over 1,000

compared with 1952.

There were fewer marriages

too. The figures—344,898

—was the lowest since 1944.

The review said that though the

most common age for mar-

riage was still 23 for men

and 21 for women, there were

250 marriages in which the

bridegroom was 80 or over.

At six weddings the bride-

groom was over 90, at 47 the

bride was between 80 and

85.

In multiple births there were

8,702 of twins, 63 of triplets

and one of quintuplets. Still

births decreased to 22 per

thousand.

More than 2,300 illegitimate

children were legitimated by

subsequent marriage of the

parents since 1947.—China Mail

German Property In Austria PROPOSALS AWAITED

Bonn, May 17.

West Germany will await Austrian proposals for a settlement of the dispute between the two countries on the future of former German property in Austria, a Foreign Office spokesman said tonight.

The Government decided to wait and see what Austria has to suggest as a result of a two-hour meeting today between Dr. C. H. Mueller Graf, West German trade chief in Vienna, and Professor Walter Hallstein, permanent head of the Foreign Office.

West Germany told Austria yesterday of her disappointment at the terms of the Austrian State Treaty signed on Sunday with Britain, the United States, France and Russia.

The Foreign Office spokesman said a statement by Dr. Julius Raab, the Austrian Chancellor, that ways and means can be found to settle the dispute had been noted.

Herr Mueller Graf, who was recalled from Vienna, has left Bonn for a long holiday.—Reuter.

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Nathaniel Gubbins

AS things are looking at, and the result may depend pretty grim, it is on whether the slow moving, heavy punching Basher will be quick enough to dodge the lightning lefts and vicious right uppercuts of the Southpaw.

Well, here they are, coming out of their corners. They touch paws and break away. Each boy eyes the ring watching the other for an opening move. The Basher leads with the left, but the Southpaw sways his head, back and the punch whistles harmlessly past his whiskers.

Now the Basher tries another left followed by a right swing, but the Southpaw is out of the way in a flash. This Southpaw boy is very quick on his feet and is probably waiting for the Basher to leave an opening.

The Basher tries again with another left and another right swing but misses. He is very wide of the mark; but if one of those powerful rights connects it is certainly going to make the Southpaw Mog.

But the Southpaw is not caught out easily. He's waiting his opportunity. And now he's got it. Yes, he's got his opportunity. The Basher has dropped his guard and is swinging wildly with lefts and rights. And the Southpaw, ducking and weaving is going for his cut. He snakes out that lightning left to the Basher's nose and the Basher doesn't like it a bit. Now he snakes out another and another and yet another and the Basher is looking worried.

I have also asked what the Salvation Army's heaven is like. Again I have the greatest respect for other people's religious beliefs. I have often wondered what the spiritualists' heaven is like. According to their own evidence, it is full of uncles and aunts you may never want to see again and gloomy Red Indians you never would want to meet. Therefore, I think their heaven may be the other place.

I have also asked what the Rev. Clinton Levy of Washington, U.S., who preached a one-step sermon lasting 48 hours 15 minutes, I am beginning to wonder where he is going and hoping I'm going somewhere else.

And now I have read about the Rev. Clinton Levy of Washington, U.S., who preached a one-step sermon lasting 48 hours 15 minutes. I am beginning to wonder where he is going and hoping I'm going somewhere else.

Even the other place would do.

Cat's Life

HERE is a boxing commentary by your Uncle Nat, published in The Animal's Newspaper, of a one-round contest between two heavy-weight tom cats, Basher Tibs and the Southpaw Mog, for the favours of Little the Devil Cat. The fight took place in the garden of the Sea Nest. Little and several excited girl friends occupied grandstand seats round the dustbin.

Well, there they are in their corners. Basher Tibs looks the heavier of the two, but the Southpaw Mog has the edge in him for speed. Both boys look

Political Corner

THE gods also seem to be having fun with the big shots of the Labour Party.

Innocents like myself who thought Clem Attlee had got rid of Nye Bevan were amazed to read that Nye Bevan may have got rid of Clem Attlee.

Discussing the political situation with the Plucky Little Woman, I made what I thought was a profound observation.

I said: "The desperate situation of the world today has given the masses in Britain a craving for neutrality. In Nye Bevan they see the only political leader who might possibly bring it about. If he formed a Neutrality Party he might sweep the country with the battle cry of 'A plague on both your houses,' meaning, of course, America and Russia."

But the P.L.W. wasn't interested in this angle. She wanted to know if Clem and Nye were on speaking terms.

I said: "Of course they are. Politicians who savage each other in public don't always quarrel in private."

She said: "When they meet don't they cut each other with knives in the ear? Or push into each other as they pass in corridors?"

I said: "They probably have lunch together."

She said: "If they were washing their faces side by side in the garden wall, His tall's against the wall and he's trying to cover up. But those lefts and rights get him every time and he must be a strong boy to be still on his feet."

I said: "They must have more than one piece of soap in the House of Commons cloakroom."

She said: "And wouldn't Clem have his revenge by using the last dry, soap left by the taller towel?"

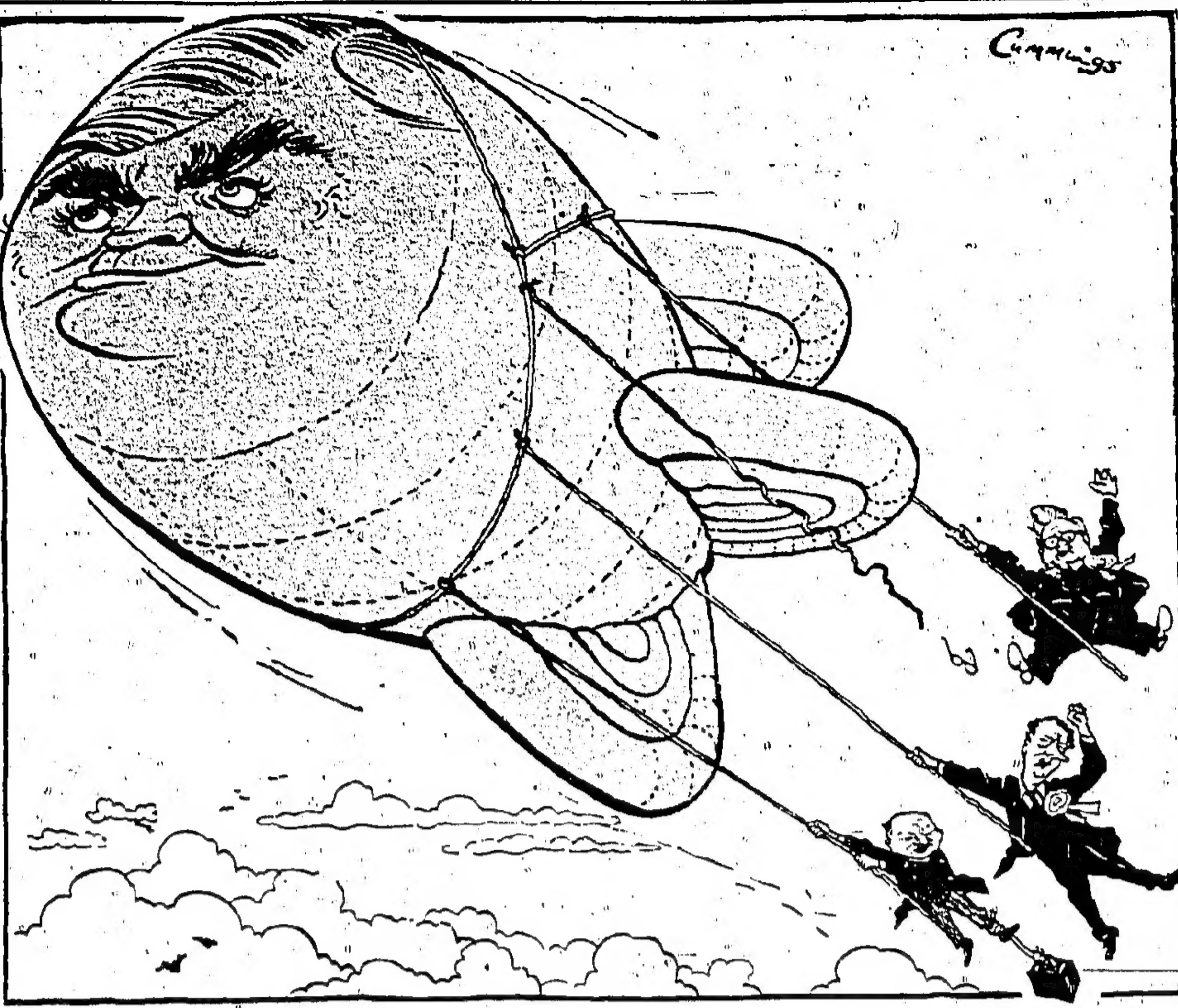
I said: "You probably think they would splash each other with water from the basins?"

She said: "That was what I was hoping."

I said: "It looks as if gods are having a go at you, too. Men are not children."

She said: "Aren't they?"

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"Don't worry! We've got our usual restraining hands on the party gas-bag."

London Express Service

DID IT HAPPEN? THE MAN WHO LOVED LIFE . . .

By
Peter
Ustinov



YOU can see him tonight on TV in his Chelsea home—the fabulous young playwright, star of stage and screen, producer, director, film writer, broadcaster, TV personality, entrepreneur. And he is not yet 34. During the war he served in the Royal Sussex Regiment and the RAOC, and he was released to work on the film "The Way Ahead," of which he was co-author and which is the subject of this story.

He was married last year for the second time, has a daughter by his first wife.

to refuse, we looked at one another. I understood. I accepted.

After a lunch of sandwiches, we went to the front door, and found it open. We entered to find rooms decorated with a surprising opulence. The entrance hall was large and lofty. All the doors of the rooms were open, and gave us at a glimpse a clear impression of this palatial interior in which the taste was

I

T was 1942. The atmosphere in North Africa was turbulent and unhappy. The Tunisians were not particularly pleased at being occupied by so many armies in rapid succession. No sooner had the Germans and Italians gone than Americans, British and their traditional protectors, the French, descended on them.

The French, who had fought heroically in the recent past, were full of quite understandable complexes. Their pay was so bad that they couldn't afford toothpaste, and their position as homecoming saviours was undermined by the presence of richer armies and more ponderous and highly organised administrations.

The British walked about in silent couples, uncommunicative and proud. The Americans rushed hither and thither in an astonishing variety of battle wagons.

In certain cafes, Spanish republicans distributed pamphlets to each other in the conviction that their hour had come.

In other places one could see annoyed British officers who had not seen eye to eye with Lord Montgomery and who were waiting with stormy impatience for some new posting.

Then there were the Americans in the same position, occasional Poles, stormy looking Soviet liaison officers, strange unexplained civilians, sulky German prisoners hacking listlessly at the tarmac, Italian prisoners unloading lorries in their own time, and above all Arabs, watching this chaotic traffic with the sullen hatred of a people who have found pride in their misfortune.

On reserve

I had been temporarily placed on the reserve in order to work on the film "The Way Ahead." We were shooting in the street of a shabby little Tunisian seaport. The weather was overcast and sad. The local population was not particularly helpful regarding us with the same haughty suspicion as it reserved for the military of any nation.

The people responded to any invitation to co-operate by vanishing into their shabbily shacks. It was here we worked and totally unremedied by any trace of that carefree Mediterranean climate which so quickly soothed the passions and neutralised anger. At a pinch we might have been in the industrial north at the time of Dickens.

Standing like a sentinel over this dismal scene was a large, modern house. It was spotlessly clean, and I could just see expensive curtains elegantly draped round the window-frames.

There was a brass plate near

the front door of quite unnecessary grandeur, like the plates they put up on consulates.

For three days I had noticed

the curtains rustling vaguely in

a ground-floor room, as though

some hidden figure was watch-

ing us. Then on the morning of

the fourth day, the front door

opened, and a girl ran towards

me.

She would have locked in-

congruous anywhere here in

Tunisia, she looked like a cruel

caricature, for she was certainly

no more than about seventeen

years old, very pretty and timid,

and yet dressed with all the

excessive ornamentation of a

Victorian in-between maid.

She talked so softly that I

had to strain to understand her.

Apparently "Le Patron" was an

avid film fan. He had been

watching our difficulties fasci-

nated from his study window.

Now in gratitude for his enter-

tainment he was inviting Cap-

tain (now Sir Carol) Reed and

Private (now Mr.) Ustinov to

dinner with him after lunch.

I consulted Carol and we had

our doubts. Drink usually meant

local whisky, which was white,

or local brandy, which might be

any colour. Both almost cer-

tainly led to hospital S.M.

Carol has an irresistible taste

for adventure. Having agreed

to let her do it alone,

she was no more than about

17, very pretty and timid,

and yet dressed with all the

excessive ornamentation of a

Victorian between-maid.

far more doubtful than "the

expense which had been lavished

on it. Through a series of

rooms, we could see some French

windows which gave on to a

crazy paving.

Just visible was the edge of a

swimming pool. The untroubled

blue water was shooting pale

little shivering patterns of light

on to the distant wall and ceil-

ing. Under the sulky sky we

could see the silhouettes of a

few gay umbrellas, wrought iron

tables, deck chairs, swings, and

all the paraphernalia of mid-

summer languor in the open air.

While we stood there in

wonder, taking in the indis-

criminate gilt and the vulgar

finery, we heard a thick but

friendly voice crying, "Entrez,

messieurs, entrez!" We went

towards the garden, and found

that the room with the french

windows was the dining-room.

"Le Patron" himself was sitting

at the end of a long refectory

table, a napkin tucked into his

collar, finishing lunch. He did

not rise, but just smiled.

His wife rose instead of him,

and pushed forward some heavy

chairs for us. When we made a

noise, she stopped.

"What do you make?" I asked,

idly puffing at my cigar.

"Collins."

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YES NO

For your tick in the space above and

keep this panel by you until tomorrow

when the answer will be given—with

another tick in this panel.

H. E. BATES

Did yesterday's story—One Man

Did Not Pass By, by Dennis Robinson

actually happen? Do you know?

The Best Club In The World

By J. W. Taylor

THOSE men and women soon to be sent to Parliament by the British voters at this Election who are new to Westminster will soon understand why the House of Commons is said to be the best club in the world. This will gradually dawn upon the "new boy" as an "old boy," acting as guide, takes him into the innermost sanctum—the Smoke Room.

Here that comradeship is engendered which makes the British Parliamentary system work in the House of Commons as nowhere else in the world. It is a place where even the most fiery of MP's Party brawls are broken down. Soon the new Member is chatting amicably with men whose politics he has just been denouncing as ruinous for the country. The completest confidences may be exchanged within its walls without the slightest fear of betrayal.

There are seven hundred rooms in the Palace of Westminster, but the new

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Finesse Failed Twice
In This Hand

By OSWALD JACOBY

SOUTH considered himself very unlucky when he played today's hand. A finesse was possible in each of the red suits, and South took both of them. To his great disgust, he lost both finesses.

Let's see exactly what happened. West led the queen of clubs, and dummy won with the king. Declarer led a diamond from the dummy and finessed the queen from his hand. West won with the king of diamonds and returned the jack of clubs.

Not a bit downhearted (as yet), South won the second round of clubs with dummy's ace and entered his hand—with a diamond in order to try the trump finesse. This likewise lost, and East led a third club. West then took the ace of spades, and the declarer thus took a trick in each suit, defeating the contract.

"The odds are 3 to 1," said South, "against losing two finesses." He was quite right, of course. "Only a



"Are you sure we can trust these natives?"

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

BORN today, you are versatile and take interest in a variety of things. Your keen mind makes you good at business transactions of every kind. You have the ability to make money. The question is, can you keep it? You have extravagant tastes, and enjoy the best of everything. You need to keep a watch on the purse strings or you will find that money goes out as quickly as it comes in!

You have sound intuition and should always pay attention to it in matters of importance. Never go against your "hunches" or you are apt to err in judgment. If you have a definite "feeling" about something, pause and find out what you are being warned about—or perhaps guided into. You often work by "fits and starts" as the saying goes. You can get all steamed up and under pressure turn out a prodigious amount of work. Then days or weeks will

go by and you will not turn a hand. This method is all well and good if you are your own boss. But if you are working for someone else, your technique may be a bit difficult to explain.

Fond of society, you enjoy good food and fine clothes. You women, especially, need to be warned against extravagance in this regard.

Among those born on this date are Czar Nicholas II of Russia; John W. (Bet-a-million) Gates; Bertrand Russell, philosopher; William T. Bull, noted surgeon; William H. Niles, geologist; Wm. Steinmetz, champion chess player; and Hoot Gibson, actor.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, MAY 19

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—A fine day for working out your new ideas. See that you put an inspiration to instant use.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Do first things first and you will find that you can accomplish a great deal that is important.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—One of your best days this month so take full advantage of it. Decide something vital to your future.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Investigate any new opportunity offered you today—especially if it is going to cost you money!

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Be as diplomatic and tactful as you know how or there may be a serious quarrel in store.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Be sure that you are not overworking these days. You must have some relaxation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—This can be a profit-taking day if you have been wise in your estimates of business conditions.

SACITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—This is a day when emotions can get out of control. See that you are the master!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—You might find that romance is leading the procession today. But in day-dreaming, don't neglect your regular job.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)—If you are given to day-dreaming, start being practical—to make those dreams come true!

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)—Don't be diverted from your major objective by some wild talk or false promises. Be wise!

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)—There are adverse aspects to day which will need all your wisdom and patience to solve.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)—

White, 9 pieces.

White to play: made in two.

Solution to yesterday's

problem:

1. R-B3; threat, 2, R-R3 (ch). 1 - QxR; 2, R-B6; 1 - Q-K5 (ch); 2, KtxQ; 1 - Q-R4; 2, R-R3.

White to cut down on nylon stocking snags. Dampen your hands before putting on each stocking. The piece of tape on the under side

of the bottoms and lower one-fourth inch around the sides of canisters will protect them from rust and prevent their scratching kitchen shelves.

When washing, smaller

window panes and glass doors

in cabinets or bookcases, use

rubber plate scraper to remove

suds and rinse water; just catch

the pockets on a blouse. For

dresses or apron pockets, lay a cloth or sponge.

To strengthen pockets at the corners and keep them from

tearing, a second row of

stitching is usually enough for

the pockets on a blouse. For

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AMERICANS DETERMINED TO LEAVE THEIR SOVIET RIVALS FAR BEHIND

By "RECODER"

Very few reports ever come out via the news agencies on what is going on in American athletics while much is written by uninformed sportswriters short of a subject on the coming Russian challenge in the Melbourne Olympic Games.

We hear of Wes Santee's every failure to break the four-minute Mile barrier via the news agencies. They have even informed us of Jim Golliday's equalling Mel Patton's world record of 9.3 seconds in the 100 Yards Dash.

But short of Santee's failures seconds at Guayaquil, Ecuador, and world records which are getting so much more difficult to improve upon with every year, we hear nothing else. Even the overseas edition of the *New York Times* does not bother to publish summaries of even the most important inter-collegiate athletic meetings in the United States.

The only source of information available for the latest news on American track and field athletics is the Nelson brothers' *Track and Field News*, published at the Palo Alto, California. The latest issue which reached Hong Kong over the week-end, contains all the results of meetings up to and including the famous Penn and Drake Relays, the half way stage in the American track and field season.

Things have certainly been humming in the American athletic world and the Western Conference, the big colleges of Michigan, Indiana, Iowa and Wisconsin, and the East had not by the end of April gone into anything like a year.

Yet, by the end of April five American athletes were over 56 feet in the Shot Put, five over 170 feet in the Discus Throw, five over 230 feet in the Javelin Throw, six over 14 feet 6 inches in the Pole Vault.

The track men do not start going too fast until mid-May, but there were by April 30 already many good early season marks. In the 100 Yards, Larry McBride of Houston was down to 9.4 and Andy Stanfield down to 9.5. We now hear that Jim Golliday has brought the season's best down to 9.3. Seven other sprinters were down to 9.6 by the end of April.

Leader in the 220 Yards straightaway by the end of April was Dick Blair of Kansas with 20.8 seconds (worth 21.1 for the 200 Metres around a turn), though, of course, Rod Richard did 20.7 seconds at the Pan American Games for the full turn 200 Metres in March.

9.9 FOR 100 METRES

Richard, by the way, is the first man to have beaten even for the 100 Metres. This he accomplished in March in Jamaica with a 9.9 seconds clocking, beating Lloyd La-Beach's 'unrecognized' 10.1

Germany's Schur Wins Prague-Berlin-Warsaw Cycle Race Rally

Warsaw, May 17.

Schur of Germany won the Prague-Berlin-Warsaw cycle rally today. The 13th and final lap today was won by Verheist of Belgium.

Joseph Verheist covered the 125 Kilometres (77 miles) of the final from Lodz to Warsaw in 3 hours, 11 minutes and 29 seconds, at an average speed of 40 Kilometres (25 miles) an hour.

Other classifications for this lap were:

2. Franz Van Looveren (Belgium), 3 hrs, 11 mins, 30 secs.

3. Jan Kubr (Czechoslovakia) 3 hrs, 11 mins, 45 secs.

4. Pierre Gouget (France) 3 hrs, 14 mins, 10 secs.

5. Christian Pedersen (Denmark), 3 hrs, 14 mins 21 secs.

6. Zdenek Klich (Czechoslovakia) 3 hrs, 14 mins, 29 secs.

7. Fritz Raven (Denmark) the same time.

8. Wedel Ostergaard (Denmark) same time.

9. Stanislas Krolak (Poland) same time.

10. Slother Meister (Germany) same time.

UNDERWATER CLUB

The officials of the Hong Kong Underwater Club for the 1955/56 season have been elected as follows:

Chairman, Mr. G.C. Whetstone; Vice-Chairman, Mr. M.H. Whetstone; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J.A. Fortune; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. M.A. Salter; Committee, Mr. R.V. Taitz, Capt. G.P.L. Ambler and Capt. J. Weir.

Anyone interested in joining the club may get in touch with the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J.A. Fortune, No. 1, New Eastern Terrace, 2nd floor.

HUTTON COMES HOME



Pictured at Tilbury are Len Hutton, skipper of the successful English Test team, on his return from Australia, with Mrs Hutton (front), and Godfrey Evans, wicket-keeper, and his wife. —Central Press Photo.

A Number Of Potential "Cracks" Have Made Their Marks In Novices Meet

By "NTACA"

"The Captains and the Kings depart," and the Novice comes into his own. The end of the Racing season sees the expert hanging up his wheels and allowing his mid-section to accumulate a little bit of fat, but brings the tyro into the battle.

The NTACA Novices Summer Competition has got off to a good start, two events having been held, a Massed Start Race and a Time Trial, both at Sixteen Miles. Although the fields of potential "cracks" have made their marks.

Event Number One, the Massed Start race, was won by Lunn, of the REME CC from Jones, (7 Hussars) and Smith (REME CC), whom he dropped in a well-judged burst over the last half-mile. Smith out-sprinted Jones to the line by two lengths. The Time Trial saw Handicap allowances introduced, and resulted in a win for Baldock, of the Pegasus CC.

Times were good, the first five riders being all within two minutes. Timekeeper Clegg rode well, to take second place in this event, deriving much satisfaction therefrom.

The next event in the series is a 25 Miles Time Trial, to be held this afternoon, at 4 p.m. Another Novice Competition, that sponsored by the RAF Kai Tak, was due to commence last Sunday, but has been postponed until Sunday next, the 10 Miles Time Trial starting at 10.30 a.m. All the RAF events will be held on Sundays, those of the NTACA on Wednesdays, so there is no excuse for a rider being unable to get in enough racing in preparation for next season. To ALL Novices, "Let's be having you!"

BRITISH CYCLISTS
British cyclists have been venturing abroad in greater numbers than ever before, putting up some first rate performances against the best in the world. In the punishing Warsaw-Berlin-Prague Stage Race, Stan Britain held the Leader's jersey for four of the first eight stages, with his teammates all well up in General Classification.

The Tour of Spain saw some excellent riding by Ian Steel, the Viking Independent, when he outshone such marvels as Bahamontes in the Mountain stages.

The team had bad luck and plenty of mechanical trouble, with the result that we had no other finishers, but while they were there, they made their presence felt.

Tony Hoar, (Hercules) won a stage and took second place on the last day in the Tour of Holland, the "Herc" team as a whole was doing extremely well.

Where the Russians should score heavily at Melbourne is in such sports as wrestling, weight-lifting and gymnastics. But the showpiece of the Olympic Games is track and field athletics and there one should see the normal American parade to the victory stand with an odd Russian having difficulty in getting among the medals against such athletically advancing countries as Australia and Brazil.

Looking further ahead than 1955, two countries are looming menacingly on the international athletic horizon. Look sooner to Venezuela and Colombia for the world record-holders of the future than to Russia or even the European continent as a whole. Such stars of the South American continent as Amador, Ferreira da Silva, Jose Teles da Conceicao, Ary Jacinto da Silva, Aparicio and Antonio Devonish are only a beginning. They are the trend-setters. More and better ones are to come.

AMERICAN A FIRM FAVOURITE

British Women's Golf Championship

Portrush, Northern Ireland, May 17.

Miss Barbara Romack, 22-year-old American Women's National Golf Champion, was firm favourite for the British Women's title when she reached the last eight on the Royal Portrush links here today.

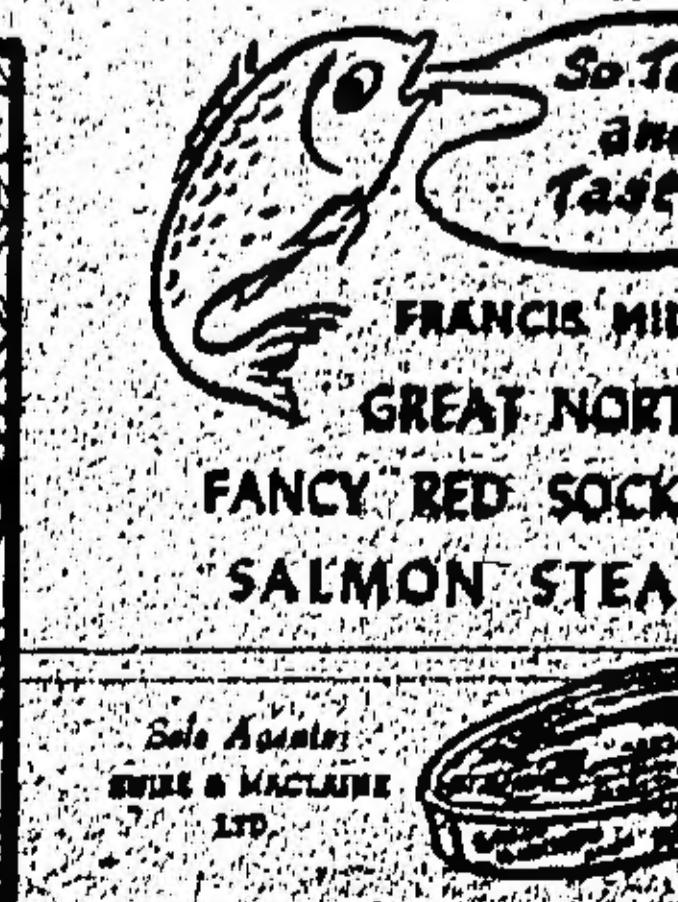
In the third round today the trim little American Champion defeated the Irish Champion and Curtis Cup International, Miss Philomena Garvey, by the surprisingly easy margin of six and five. Miss Garvey had eliminated the holder, Mrs Smith of Royal Birkdale, England, in the first round yesterday.

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BRIDGETOWN TEST

WEST INDIES 187 FOR 6 IN REPLY TO AUSTRALIA'S FIRST INNINGS OF 668

Bridgetown, Barbados, May 17. The West Indies had scored 187 runs for the loss of six wickets in reply to Australia's first innings total of 668 at the close of play on the third day of the fourth Test here today.

Australia continued their first innings here this morning on the third day of the fourth Test against the West Indies. At lunch, they brought their overnight score of 569 for eight to 664 with the loss of one more wicket.

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SIMPSON MAY TAKE COCKELL ON A TOUR OF CANADA AND AMERICA

By SCOTT BAILIE

San Rafael, California, May 17.

Manager John Simpson, still seething over the "tactics" used by World Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano in last night's title fight against Britain's Don Cockell, said today he may take his boxer on a Canadian tour this Summer.

"We are going home to England where I will consider the possibility of taking Don on a tour through Canada later this year," Simpson declared. "I believe he would draw quite well."

Simpson said he might even take the beaten challenger on a tour of the States during the same junket.

Simpson said he was still licensed at referee Frankie Brown and the State Athletic Commission as the aftermath of last night's bout which saw Marciano stop Cockell in 9:54 of the ninth round.

"Brown let Marciano get away with just about every foul in the book,—breaking California rules as well as the British ones," Simpson said.

"It was a case of head, wrists and elbows all night against my boy," Simpson went on.

Informed that he could take his case before the State Athletic Commission, Simpson only laughed.

"Go up against that mob again?" he asked. "What good would that do us? How far did we get when we discussed fouls with them before the fight...? No, we'll just go about our own business here then head for home."

Simpson, waving a copy of a San Francisco newspaper, showed a group of pictures in which Marciano was photographed hitting Cockell with a right to the head after the challenger had gone down for the first of two trips to the Cribbs.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT

"Caught in the act, he was," Simpson said. "In Great Britain he would have been tossed out of the ring for that because it would have been the latest in a series of fouls."

"Earlier in the fight we would not have thrown him out, just given him ample warning. But after ninth round exhibition, out he would go and Cockell would be the winner."

Simpson said that Cockell's biggest ambition was to get another crack at Marciano in a British prize ring.

"And Don would have a great chance of winning the bout in a land where the rules are enforced," Simpson said.

Cockell suffered a gash on his forehead during the fourth round which Simpson said was caused by Rocky's head while referee Brown said it came from a hard left hook.

"Brown claims a vertical cut like that was caused by a hook?" Simpson asked, incredulous. "He's a clever bloke, isn't he?"

Teddy Waltham, Secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, said that Marciano's butting tactics should be stopped "before he seriously injures somebody."

"Marciano could detach a retina in somebody's eye or cause some similar damage," Waltham said.

"And he would not have got away with any of that with a firm referee in England."

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Japanese Table Tennis Team To Play Hongkong Tonight

Ten members of the Japanese Table Tennis team, including two officials and three women players, flew in from Bangkok by SAS yesterday en route to Tokyo. Led by Mr Daisuke Daimon, the team had been on a tour of European countries.

The Japanese 1955 World Table Tennis champion, Toshiaki Tanaka, said they played exhibition matches in most countries they visited. In team competition they beat the English team in Leeds, 6-3 and won another game in London 6-2.

He considered teams from Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Belgium, the best among the European nations.

In the course of their three days stay here, the Japanese team will play exhibition games against the local men's and four singles and one double against the local ladies' team.

At the airport to meet the Japanese champions were Mr Sadick and Mr Ma Chiu-tung, Chairman of the Association.

Members of the local team to play against the Japanese are Messrs Shih Shu-chu (captain), Chung Chin-chu, Chu Cheung-ling and Lou S. Feng. Ladies' team: Eunglo Wong (captain), Lau Wal-lin and Szeto Lan.

Tickets will be available at the Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre Stadium from 10 a.m. today. Those who want to see the match are advised to book early as accommodation is limited.

MRS COCKELL BLAMES THE 16½-FOOT RING

San Francisco, May 17. Mrs Irene Cockell, wife of the British Heavyweight Champion, Don Cockell, saw reporters today at the San Rafael Hotel near here and said that last night's fight with Rocky Marciano "was a disgusting spectacle which would not have been allowed in England."

Mrs Cockell added: "If they had fought in London things would have been a great deal different... over in our country the foreigner always gets whatever breaks there are. I've seen thousands of bouts and never one in which one man got an easy deal as did Don last night."

She said the small ring at Kexar Stadium handicapped her husband. "If they had been fighting in a 20-foot ring things would have been a lot different. Don would have outboxed him completely and would have won it in a ring where he had enough room to move." The ring used last night was 16½-foot square.—Reuter.

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Promoter Solomons Wants Return Match With Marciano In London

San Francisco, May 17. Mr Al Weill, manager of World Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano said today that if terms were right he would "give favourable thought" to the proposition of a return match in London with the British Champion, Don Cockell.

Mr Weill said that British promoter Jack Solomons within a few hours after Marciano's ninth round victory over Cockell last night made overtures for another fight with Cockell in September.

England would be a "perfect spot" for such a match, Mr. Weill said.

He added that he would insist on an American referee but under questioning at a press conference in Marciano's hotel suite he said he would consider a referee from a neutral country.

Then as everyone laughed Mr. Weill said: "There are a lot of referees in Italy."

Marciano of Italian ancestry laughed loudest of all. Mr. Weill said that any possible rematch

was still in the purely tentative stage.

Marciano was asked if he could fight Carl (Bobo) Olson, the Middleweight Champion, who is now seeking the Light Heavyweight crown.

"I'll fight anyone in the world," Marciano said.

Marciano said that he was slow in assembling his strategy last night. He said it was not until the sixth round that he began to punch the way he wished.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN TEST PLAYER DIES IN LONDON

London, May 17. Alan Fairfax, the noted New South Wales and Australian all-rounder, who played ten times for his country, between 1929 and 1931, died at his home in London today, aged 48.

He had been in poor health for some time and entered hospital for treatment earlier this year.

He left hospital five weeks ago and had been resting quietly on a specialist's advice.

—France-Presse.

All Blacks Plan Tour By Japanese Rugby Fifteen

Auckland, May 17. New Zealand Armed Services are trying to arrange a tour by a Japanese rugby team. It is proposed that it be flown to the Dominion in a service aircraft and be accommodated in Army and Air Force camps. The New Zealand Universities Rugby Council decided to co-operate with the Services should the tour eventually rematch.

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THE POOR MAN'S ASCOT IS FUN

Says J. W. TAYLOR

Now is the time when landowners, farmers and gentry all over rural Britain bring out their horses—and a little cash—for that important local event that affords to them their annual brief hour of often muddy but undoubted glory—the point-to-point race meeting. For one day a field becomes a racecourse. The bookies from the city bring their big satchels and stand and shout the odds, and all you or anybody needs to beat them is a good hunter and the entry money.

This most carefree and democratic form of racing in the land—a combination of country hunt rivalry and farmers' festivity comprising a poor man's Ascot—is usually conducted by the various local hunts in the area, and quite above-board, too.

The races are run under National Hunt Rules for point-to-point steeplechases and are open to all horses that have been "regularly and fairly hunted". Certification of this fact is obtained from the Master, Hunt. Five to 25 runners will take part in each of the races, all mounted by amateur riders who are out for the glory of the sport and ride with incredible daring.

There was a time when a point-to-point could be won by almost anything on four legs which would not today match up to Weatherby's standard of fitness. Nowadays, however, the quality of horse is much higher and the competition keener.

To win most races, rider and horse have got to be good and each trained for the day. Indeed, a horse has graduated from the humble competitions of Adjacent Hunts fixture to National Hunt racing proper, one or two going to achieve Grand National fame. From point-to-point to victory at Aintree or Cheltenham is the success story every owner-breeders likes to dream about.

EVEN THE LADIES

The less ambitious may enter and ride their own animals. Almost anyone with a qualifying horse and the entry money, plus the nerve to charge over three miles of open country strown with birch fences, may have a go—even the ladies.

Often their own special women's race is the highlight of the afternoon's programme, and the way they urge their horses at the last fence is really worth seeing. Many of the women competitors train and nurse their horses to peak condition for these races all the year round, as the parade for the Ladies' Race will always show. You never see better turned-out horses.

One appeal to the crowds who flock to the point-to-points is the element of luck in finding winners. The horses are of such mixed quality at times that the punter's best method is to "follow the money".

That is, wait till the stable money goes down; this is soon shown in the rapid cut in the particular horse's price. It may not necessarily be the winner, but his money will at least be on "good meat" with a fair chance.

The luck of this game is such that some horses will be running who would not be expected to win even if all the others failed. Even then, their Gentlemen-jockeys would not let them, for it is a strict rule that horse and rider must finish at the same time to merit any finishing classification. Some of the mounts are so poor that even isn't possible.

All members are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue. They are invited to forward to the secretary in writing, at least seven days before the meeting is due to take place, any matters which they may wish to bring up for discussion.

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Australian Tennis Rankings

Melbourne, May 16.

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IN NORWAY

Paris, May 17.

The availability of the baby atom bomb is rapidly revising the defence plans of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation for its extreme northern flank in Norway, one of the two member nations which have a common border with Russia.

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One is the availability of the baby atom bomb on a "call and deliver" basis from the 49th Air Division in England, equipped with Republic F-84F Thunderstorms, charged with carrying the "weapon."

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GENERAL MURRAY PROMOTED

London, May 17. The War Office announces that Major-General (Temporary Lieut-Colonel) Horatio Murray, CB, DSO, who commanded the Commonwealth Division in Korea from October 1953 to the end of 1954, has been promoted to Lieutenant-General.

General Murray, at present GOC-in-C Scottish Command, fought with distinction in World War II. He was wounded at the battle of Alamein, while commanding the 1st Battalion Gordon Highlanders, and later led 153 Infantry Brigade of 51st (Highland) Division in the invasion of Sicily and Normandy.

In August 1944 he was given command of 6th Armoured Division in Italy. He led them in the advance to the Gothic Line during the long Appenine battles of the winter of 1944, and in the final push through the Argenta Gap and on to Austria in the spring campaign of 1945.

Since the war his appointments have also included the post of Director of Personnel Services at the War Office, command of 1st Infantry Division in the Middle East, and Commander Northumbrian District and 50th Northumbrian Infantry Division (T.A.).

He is 52 years old and was commissioned in 1923.

FOUR MAJOR-GENERAL'S

Four other senior Army officers have been promoted major-generals. They are Brigadiers A.J.H. Dove, the Director of Quartering at the War Office, R.G.S. Hobbs, Commandant of the Royal Military Academy, W.R. Cox, the GOC Mid-West District and 53rd Welsh Infantry Division (T.A.), and V.D.G. Campbell, Chief of Staff to Scottish Command.

General Dove, a 52-year-old New Zealander, who was commissioned in the Royal Engineers in 1922, was Deputy Director of Military Operations at the War Office in the last year of World War II, and his appointments since the end of hostilities include those of Deputy Adjutant General, BAOR, and GCS (Supplies and Transport) in Middle East.

General Hobbs, who was in the Middle East, and later led 104 Regiment, RHA, in the last war, is a former Director and Chief of Staff of Combined Operations, and was in command of 2nd Infantry Brigade in the Middle East in 1951-52.

PRISONER

A prisoner of war in Germany from June 1940 to April 1945, General Campbell then went to South East Asia, where he saw service in Malaya and the East Indies, and led the Carriers in Japan. At the end of 1948 he was given command of the 1st Gordons in BAOR, and, two years later, 31st Lored Infantry Brigade in Britain. He has been Chief of Staff at Scottish Command since March last year.

General Cox, who led the 1st Worcesters, the 7th Green Howards and 131 Lored Infantry Brigade in World War II, then commanded four infantry brigades in succession from 1945 to 1947. Since then he has been DAG at GHQ, MEF, Commander Cyprus District, Deputy Director of Infantry at the War Office, in which capacity he led the Infantry contingent of the British Army in the Coronation Procession, and Chief of Staff, Southern Command.

E. Germany Joining Military Command

Berlin, May 17. The East German Deputy Premier, Herr Otto Nuschke said today that East Germany will become a full-fledged member of Moscow's new East bloc joint military command as soon as East Germany sets up an army.

The new Eastern joint command under Soviet Marshal I.S. Koniev, created in Warsaw last week by the Soviet Union and its seven European satellites, has suspended East German participation in the "counter-NATO" until a later date.

Herr Nuschke, writing in the East Berlin paper *Neue Zeit* said it was "childish" for the Western Press to state East Germany was not represented in the joint command.

"Be patient," Herr Nuschke stated. "For the time being we have only the Barracked Peoples Police. But as soon as national forces are set up they will naturally be represented in the joint Supreme Command."

—United Press.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Britain's Credit Squeeze Not Working To Plan
MONEY EXTENDED TO CAPITAL MARKET

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, May 17. The market made another attempt at rally today but, without any new incentive, it failed to carry through and prices closed a bit lower on average.

In the early dealings there were several strong spots—the steels, chemicals and some aircrafts. At the close, only a few special issues had gains of any size.

Two of these features responded to good news. Southern Railway ran up 3½ to \$95 in a generally lower carrier group as the company's President said the road is showing an earning increase and has a favourable outlook for the remainder of the year.

Brown & Bigelow moved up 1½ points, ex-dividend, to \$16½ as the announcement was made of negotiations toward a merger with Textron American.

INDUSTRIALS OFF

Industrials as a group were off 0.89 point on the day, rails off 0.29 and utilities off 0.11, just below the day's best levels.

Trading was at a slow, routine pace with turnover totalling only 1,900,000 shares, compared with 2,160,000 yesterday.

Activity centred in General Dynamics for the second session in a row. It was at \$85, dipped 3½, ex-dividend.

Except for Southern Railway, rails were mostly lower.

Motors were narrowly mixed. Boeing fell nearly 2 points, ex-dividend, in the aircrafts.

Oils were narrowly mixed.

Non-ferrous metals showed some strength with Reynolds, Kennecott and National Lead up around a point.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$3,900,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 350,000 shares.

YESTERDAY'S PRICES

ALDERS INC. AGR. 100
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Alders Inc. Chalmers 72½
American Airline 51½
American Cyanamide 70
American Metal 70
American Mining 70
American Tel & Tel 70
American Tel. "B" 50
Anaconda Copper 50
Anheuser-Busch 70
Armour 70
Baldwin-Lima-Ham 70
Baltimore & Ohio 40½
Baltimore & Ohio Corp. 40½
Bancroft Cons. 11½
Bethlehem Steel 12½
Boeing Airplane 55½
Boeing Co. 20½
Burroughs 20½
Canadian Pacific R. 31½
Case (J. L.) Co. 10
Caterpillar Corp. 10
Chase Nat. & Man. 49½
Chrysler Motors 74½
Colgate-Palmolive Co. 52½
Commercial Credit 38½
Commerical Elec. 40½
Consolidated Edison 77½
Continental Oil of Del. 20½
Continental Steel 20½
Crown Furniture 20½
Crane Co. 75
Crown Zellerbach 75
Cuban Amer. Sugar 75
Cutter Corp. 10
Dupont de Nemours 10
Eastman Kodak 78½
El Paso National Gas 48½
General Electric 50½
General Motors 93½
Gillette Safety Razor 64½
Goodrich (E. F.) Co. 58½
Goodyear Tire 74½
Hornbeam Corp. 10
Inland Steel Co. 38½
Int'l. Business Machines 41½
Int'l. Harvester 38½
International Nickel 53½
International Paper 25½
Int'l. Tel. 20½
John-Manville Co. 20½
Kansas C. Power & Light 70½
Kennecott Copper 42
Liggett Meyers Tob. Co. 20½
Lockheed Aircraft 40½
Lowell Corp. 20½
Lone Star Cement Co. 56½
Louisville & Nashville R. 32
Mannesco Mining 31½
Monsanto Chemical Co. 20½
Montgomery Ward 76½
National Cash Reg. "A" 42
National Distillers 20½
National Lead 47½
National Steel Corp. 39½
National Stock 62½
National Tele. 62½
Navy Electronics 3½
Pacific Gas & Elec. 3½
Pacific Western Oil 18½
Paramount Pictures 42
Perry J. C. Co. 43
Philips Petroleum 72½
Procter & Gamble Co. 52½
Prudential Life Ins. 45½
Rao Motors 42
Republic Steel 52½
Shell Oil 52½
Singer 52½
Society Vacuum (Com.) 52½
Standard Brands 43½
Standard Oil of Cal. 43½
Standard Oil of Ind. 11½
Standard Oil of N.J. 11½
Stockley-Van Camp 11½
Studebaker-Packard Corp. 51½
Swift & Co. 93
Tele. Co. 93
Union Carbide 93
Union Pacific Railway 93
United Gas Imp. 25½
U.S. Lines Co. 25½
U.S. Rubber 10
U.S. Smelting 10
U.S. Steel 10½
Westinghouse Electric 75½
West Va. Pulp & Paper 10½
Woolworth 10½
—United Press.

U.S. COTTON EXPORT SUBSIDY

Washington, May 17. Secretary of Agriculture, Mr Ezra Taft Benson, said at Press conference today that the Agriculture Department has not yet reached a decision concerning a possible cotton export subsidy in the next cotton year starting August 1.

He added that some announcement may be expected well in advance of the date.

The Secretary said that he believed that a survey should be made of the United States international cotton position with respect to area of competition and how far United States politics "have held umbrellas." He indicated that this study would be made by the Department's Foreign Agriculture Service.

NOT NECESSARILY

He said that such a survey would not necessarily be completed before the decision on policy for the next cotton year.

A reporter called Mr Benson's attention to an address by Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, Mr Samuel C. Waugh on Thursday, in which Mr Waugh urged that cotton export policy formulation should consider international as well as domestic aspects of the problems.

Mr Benson commented that international aspect would be considered, but said that the primary responsibility of the Agriculture Department is toward the domestic cotton-growers.

"We have not yet formed up the policy for the next cotton year, but we have heard representatives of the industry and hope that we can announce something before long," he said. —United Press.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

London, May 17. A late rally enabled stocks to overcome a shaky start and finish with numerous fractional gains of a shilling or more.

There was fairly heavy buying for idle buyers, which lifted the gills a few shillings.

Market analysis said the buying reflected hopes for a big Conservative victory in the coming elections.

Great Universal Stores and Rolls-Royce paced industrials with gains of two and three shillings respectively. Gold shares firmed on demand from the Continent. Oils were lower.

Hopes for a "Big Four" talk brought strength into the foreign-bond market. German issues ran up more than 2½. Speculative demand for Russian and Iron-Cintra U.S. bonds lifted them about 2½. Japanese bonds were neglected. —United Press.

World Cotton Markets

New York, May 17. Cotton futures today opened lower and remained on an irregular downgrade for the rest of the day.

Business of the nearby July became the main up-setting influence as traders awaited other new incentives.

At the close the list ruled off 1 to 13 points. Opening prices ruled off 5 to 7 points. New Orleans closed off 2 to 14 points.

Leading spot interest were sellers of July against purchases of the new crop deliveries. Commission houses and other trade interests also operated on both sides of the market.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

Month Volume Open interest
July 38,400 670,300
Aug. 20,100 473,100
Sept. 20,100 450,000
Oct. 22,600 218,500
Nov. 12,600 226,900
Dec. 8,400 119,500
Total 100,000 2,233,100 bales

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot 34.75
July 34.11
Aug. 34.31-33
Sept. 34.28
Oct. 34.37
Nov. 33.76-77

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot 34.05
July 34.25
Aug. 34.36
Sept. 34.45
Oct. 34.46
Nov. 34.40
Dec. 33.72

LIVERPOOL

Future closings, American middling, in pence per lb, were:

May/June 26½-27½
July 31½-32½
Aug. 30½-31½
Sept. 30½-31½
Oct. 30½-31½
Nov. 30½-31½
Dec. 30½-31½
Jan./Mar. 30½-31½

SAO PAULO

Future closings, in cruzados per idle were as follows:

July 29.60
Aug. 30.50
Sept. 30.51
Oct. 31.51
Nov. 31.51
Dec. 31.51

IN THE UNITED STATES

In the United States, the average price of 15/16 middling cotton at ten designated spot markets was 34.28 cents. Sales at the centres totalled 3,398 bales. —United Press.

World Rubber Markets

Singapore, May 17. The rubber market ruled steady but quiet with little incentive to trade slightly more active towards the close.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

Month Volume Open interest
July 27,200 27,200
Aug. 20,100 20,100
Sept. 19,100 19,100
Oct. 18,100 18,100
Nov. 17,100 17,100
Dec. 16,100 16,100
Jan. 15,100 15,100
Feb. 14,100 14,100
Mar. 13,100 13,100
Apr. 12,100 12,100
May 11,100 11,100
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July 9,100 9,100
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SHEAFFER'S



JOHN CLARKE'S
CASEBOOK

Literary Circles

WITH Bloomsbury no distance away and famous publishing houses almost on the doorstep, it is not altogether surprising that literature should make its influence felt among those who work in Covent Garden Market.

To judge from the picture that a young man named Alfred paints of the cafes and taverns around the market, the atmosphere in many of them is not unlike that of a learned society's headquarters.

In this one sit market-porters quoting Jean Anouilh in the tea-stained table-tops; in that, a group of drivers expertly analyse the varied schools of modern writing over their mild and bitter THE GIFT.

SO Alfred, makes it seem, and if a stranger to the circle should ever intrude and find the only literature much in evidence was the racing pages of the papers, be sure that this would be a kind of optical illusion or show a wam in him of acuter observation.

Alfred, moving constantly, by virtue of his jobs, in these literary circles, was not vastly surprised when, the other evening, a stranger came up to him and said: "Want two good books?"

The stranger did not wait for an answer, but thrusting at him two crusty new books, vanished round a corner. To Alfred, there seemed only one thing to do—accept the gift in the spirit in which it appeared to have been made.

ALFRED LOSES NERVE

He tucked the two books under his coat and made for home. He had hardly gone more than a dozen yards when two plain-clothes policemen stopped him. "What have you got under your coat, there?" they asked.

"Well, books," Alfred said.

"Let's have a look."

Alfred produced the two books. He was asked how he had come by them. "I got them at a shop in Charing Cross Road," he said, unwise, "I'll take you there, if you like."

The invitation was quickly accepted. The trio headed for the street of books. Half-way there, Alfred's nerve went. "As a matter of fact," he blurted, "Folks gave me these books just now."

A GREAT READER?

At Bow Street next morning, Alfred, a handsome, black-haired man of 30, pleaded not guilty to a charge of failing to give a satisfactory account of how he came to be in possession of two books reasonably suspected of having been stolen. For the books were two titles just at that time being distributed to shops from a warehouse near the market.

He told his story, and Mr Bertram Reece, the magistrate, asked: "Are you a great book-reader?"

"Well, I have a magazine delivered every Saturday," Alfred answered. "And the wife, she's a member of a book club." " Didn't it strike you as suspicious, having the books thrust on you like that?"

SIMPLE PLEASURE

"WELL, I just thought to myself here's two books," said Alfred. "People's always reading new books... novels, classics, in the cafes and the markets."

Mr Reece raised his eyebrows and pecked over his spectacles but made no comment on the literary life. Instead, he asked Alfred: "You thought everything was above board?"

"Oh, yes," Alfred answered.

"Quite satisfied about this," said the magistrate. "Anything known?"

Nothing to Alfred's discredit was known, and he was discharged conditionally. Alfred left, the books were gathered up and taken away. And a sigh of simple pleasure came from the public gallery when the title of one of the books was seen. It was a book of memoirs—by a leading light of Scotland Yard.

False Alarm

Two Emergency Unit cars and a Police van sped along Queen's Road Central in response to an alarm at the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd. at 11.50 a.m. today.

On arrival at the bank, they found it was a false alarm and returned to the Police Station.

SAW LIGHTERS SINK

Eye-witness's Account Of Storm Incident

A crew member of one of the lighters involved in alleged collisions in the Kowloon Wharves area during a typhoon on September 2, 1953, told of the sinking of several lighters when he gave evidence before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg at the Supreme Court this morning at the continued hearing of the claim for damages brought by the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., against Wang Kee and Co., stevedores and merchants.

Mr J. P. Hewitt, Senior Surveyor of Ships, Marine Department, is sitting with Mr Justice J. R. Gregg as Assessor.

Plaintiffs, represented by the Hon. Lee d'Almada QC, and Mr T. A. Sherlock, instructed by Mr R. A. Wadson, of Messrs Deacons, are claiming damages totalling \$70,533.15 from Wang Kee and Co., stevedores and merchants, of 34-37 Connaught Road Central, arising from the sinking of four of their lighters and damage to three others during the typhoon in the Colony on the early morning of September 2, 1953. Plaintiffs alleged negligence on the part of defendants.

Wang Kee and Co. are represented by Mr John McNeill QC, Mr Leslie Wright and Mr Victor Gibbons, instructed by Mr Y. K. Kan, of Messrs Lo and Lo.

In their claim, plaintiffs alleged that by the negligence of defendants, their servants and agents, lighters belonging to defendants were adrift and sank down and collided with plaintiffs' lighters sinking four and damaging three.

CREW WENT ASTHORE
Li Kam-wah, former crew member of plaintiff Company's lighter no. 22, earlier testified that his lighter was moored by the port bow of the s.s. Nellie, berthed at Wharf 3, north and that the whole crew went ashore when the wind and sea rose on the early morning of September 2, 1953.

He saw no. 22 straddle the bows of another lighter, no. 72, berthed among a row of lighters between the bows of the Nellie and the Praya wall. He said he watched the events from a position by the corner of the Wharf and Praya.

He saw a steel lighter, approach no. 22. That lighter was drifting and was being followed by another steel lighter, also drifting. Both steel lighters continued to drift in towards the Praya, coming close to the row of moored lighters, and then swung broadside on to the Praya wall end to end.

Not long afterwards, said witness, he saw no. 22 also drifting in towards the Praya and come up against lighter no. 57 (one of the row of moored lighters). There was nobody on board any of the three drifting lighters he added.

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Getting Ready For Christmas

Christmas Cards are on the way. Thirty ladies spent thirty minutes this morning choosing three which will be reproduced for sale in aid of the Hongkong Auxiliary of the Mission to Lepers.

With all windows open in the Morning Post board room, and fans going hard, they decided that the picture of a snowman was "inappropriate to Hong Kong."

They voted instead for Chinese scenes painted by members of the committee, Mrs Sue Angus and Mrs W. Watson.

European Motorist Cautioned

D. B. Evans, of 17 Shek-O Road, appeared before Mr Thomas Tam at Central this morning facing two traffic summonses of causing an unnecessary obstruction and driving a private car into Duddell Street—a closed road.

He pleaded guilty to the first summons, and was cautioned by the Magistrate. The second charge was dismissed by the Court when it was established that Mr Evans possessed a permit to enter Duddell Street. The offence took place at 12.30 p.m. on March 12.

Fire On Board Ship

A small fire occurred on board the ss Iselin in Kowloon Bay early this morning. The fire was discovered in one of the holds of the 800-ton ship carrying scrap metal, at 3 a.m.

The fire brigade were aboard and extinguished the fire within half an hour.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Too bad I can't help with the house cleaning—but you realise how desperate I am, with only 10 days to finish my income tax return!"

Leper On Indecent Exposure Charge

A leper, with large unblinking eyes, appeared before Mr T. Creedon in Kowloon this morning on a charge of indecent exposure.

When asked whether he was European he was ordered in pulling lighter no. 82, moored alongside lighter no. 41 by Wharf no. 3 south, further up the wharf. Witness carried out this operation with a number of other men, and said they found no difficulty in moving the lighter.

The hearing is proceeding.

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Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Time, Signal and Programme Summary: 8.03. Lucky Dip—Variety Request presented by Jean Tudhope and David Gandy. 8.15. "Bertrand Russell O.M. No. 1—Why I Took to Philosophy" (BBC1). 8.15. "Munich Memories—1938" (BBC1). 8.15. "Concert Hall" 8.30. "A Day of Bliss" (BBC1). Written by Godfrey Harrison. Produced by Leslie Bridgmont. 8.30. "Weather Report" 8.30. "Signal" 8.30. "Press News" (London Relay). 8.30. "9.00. Pre-Election Addresses" (Address on Behalf of the Labour Party) by Michael Foot. 8.30. "10.20. Weather Report" 8.30. "Musical Moments" (with Joe Eboz and Trevor Jones) (Recorded). 8.45. (approx.) "Good Night" 8.45. "Good Night" 8.45. "Piano Recital" by Mary Richardson (Concert Hall). 8.50. Wednesday Theatre "Mrs Warren's Profession" by Sir Alan Ayckbourn. 8.50. "Music of the Twentieth Century" 8.50. "The Soldier's Tale—Suite" (Igor Stravinsky) 10.20. Weather Report. 8.30. "True Signal" (Radio News) (London Relay). 11.15. "Goodnight Music" 11.15. "Goodnight Music" 11.20. "God Save The Queen" 11.20. "Close Down."

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Britain's New Envoy To Peking "A Brilliant Official"

London, May 17. Newsmen regard Oxford educated Mr O'Neill as one of the most brilliant spokesmen of the Foreign Office has ever produced.

The Prime Minister now regards him with a key post in which he will handle some of the most delicate East-West issues including the Formosa problem.

Mr O'Neill, second son of Lord Rathcavan, has never before served in the Far East.

But he had contacts with Mr Chou En-lai's delegation at the Geneva conference and studied the Far East problem at the Bangkok conference.

JOINED IN 1938

Mr O'Neill, who only recently asked Mr Chou for clarification of his offer to negotiate with the United States on easing tension in the Formosa area, will become Britain's next Ambassador to Egypt. He will succeed Sir Ralph Stevenson, who is retiring shortly from Foreign Service.

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It is not yet known when Mr

Trevelyan will leave Peking.

Mr O'Neill's wife is the German-born Baroness Mady Marshall von Blaiberg, whom he married during the Geneva conference last year. He has a son and a daughter by a previous marriage.—Reuter.

ALLEGED DEMAND FOR \$300 FOR MAKING A FAVOURABLE REPORT

Revenue Officer Charged With Corruption

A Class I Revenue Officer was accused at the Victoria District Court this morning of corruptly receiving \$300 for making a favourable report to his superiors about a firm in connection with the issuing of certificates of origin.

The accused, Leung Tse-kuu, 35, pleaded not guilty to the charge before Judge A. D. Scholes. He was represented by Mr Y. H. Chan of Messrs Lau, Chan and Ko. He was on bail of \$5,000.

Mr W. S. Collier, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Mr T. Kavanagh, Acting Assistant Superintendent Police, of the Anti-Corruption Branch.

Leung was alleged to have received the money from Daniel Djung on February 11 as a reward for making a favourable report about Djung's business to the Department of Commerce and Industry.

Mr Collier said that in February this year, Daniel Djung entered into a partnership with one Djung Yin-shing, who was incidentally not related to him, for the purpose of making carved furniture for export to the United States.

They rented room 217 in Prince's Building for their office.

FIRMS INVESTIGATED Crown Counsel said the American Consulate relied on the Department of Commerce and Industry for the bona fide characters of the firms who exported the goods to America. Consequently, each firm which applied for authorisation to export was investigated by an inspector of the Department.

When he was eventually charged at the Police Station, accused said he wanted to see his lawyer first.

Hearing is proceeding.

Nine Months' Gaol For Pickpocket

A 22-year-old pickpocket was sentenced to nine months' hard labour by Mr H. H. E. How at Kowloon Court this morning.

The accused, Tsui Wan-sang, was caught red-handed by a police reservist in a bus when he lifted a wallet containing \$94 from the inside jacket pocket of a passenger who was sitting down.

The incident occurred on Bus No. 5 as it was passing down Chatham Road near Valley Road on April 14.

Mr How said he was treating the case with "a little more leniency than he deserved" because of his financial straits. The accused has a wife and two children, and said that his wife is expecting a third. His wife wept in court as he was being sentenced.

ON THE RECORD
by John Dell

HOW LOW CAN 'HI-FI' GET?

Yesterday you put a record on a turntable and place the pick-up head on the record you expect to hear music coming from the speaker. This is a very simple process.

The variations on this little operation are many and one of the ways in which it is done is through the internal aerobatics of a juke-box